



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



September 22, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Garen Khachian

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Diana Miles-Browning, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Pat Hoofe, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department

Guests

James Andrade, Interpreter
Jorge R. Arvizu
Ping Han Kieta
Richard Kieta
Kristine Minasyan
Yuri Minasyan
Marianne Segalla, Kennedy Court Reporter
Douglas L. Sherman
Xiuying Sherman

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of September 15, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Abstention: Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Duly carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on Application for Massage Parlor-General /SC Business License ID#137258

Ying Xing Health Centers, Inc.
Douglas L. Sherman / Xiuying Sherman
Asian Rose Spa
20655 Soledad Canyon Road #17
Santa Clarita, CA 91351 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff's Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Mr. Sherman, applicant stated the business is being managed by his wife Ms. Xiuying Sherman. Ms. Sherman is a licensed technician. They intend to hire additional employees based on the business need. Mr. Sherman stated the establishment will hire employees that are properly licensed by the California State Massage Therapy or by the County. Ms. Hernandez informed the applicants technicians working at location should all either be State or County certified. Mixing of licenses is not allowed in the location. The applicant is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license with following condition:

- The business abide and comply with the condition to relocate the fire extinguisher as recommended by the Fire Department.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on License to Modify w/Hearing / Addition of 10 Taxicabs Business License ID#136722

Kristine Minasyan
Yellow Star Cab
Best Taxi & Delivery Service LLC
45326 Trevor Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93534 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported the business is in good standing and currently has ten licensed vehicles, all with appropriate insurance. They are requesting license for ten additional vehicles and there were no objections by Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Kristine Minasyan, applicant stated the business currently has ten taxi cab license and is doing very well. They are the largest taxicab company in Lancaster. The Company will join the "Access Transit Program", when the application for the program is approved. Ms. Minasyan expressed with the increase of service calls and the coverage of such a large area, additional taxicabs are needed to support the increase in customers. Currently the business does not own any Clean Burning Vehicle.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved ten additional seals for the above mentioned Business with the following Conditions:

- The business to supply the Treasurer and Tax Collector office with the records of the drivers prior to the issuing of seals.
- At least one of the seals must be applied to a Clean Burning Vehicle

Motion: Commissioner James Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Ayes: Commissioner Barger, Secretary Wood, President Afriat and Commissioner Vasquez

Nayes: Vice President Campbell

Vote: Duly carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Taxicab Driver Business License ID#137562

Jorge R Arvizu
Fiesta Taxicab Company
6441 Stafford Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255 (First District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported the denial is based on the fingerprint results received from the Department of Justice. Mr. Garcia stated that he is not allowed to discuss the results of fingerprints, unless permission is given by the applicant.

The Commission recessed at 10:05 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Garcia spoke to Mr. James Andrade, Interpreter, for Mr. Jorge R. Arvizu and informed him of the information within the background report. The applicant agreed the charges on in the report are accurate. The applicant gave Mr. Garcia permission to inform the Commission of charges in his background report. President Afriat asked the applicant do you agree not to hold the County responsible, the applicant, Mr. Arvizu replied yes.

Mr. Garcia reported from 1999 to 2007 the applicant had four felony convictions and one misdemeanor charge. Mr. Arvizu stated he took a wrong turn in 1998 due to a failed marriage and took refuge in drugs for personal use. Mr. Arvizu has paid dearly for his actions by doing time in jail being on parole and probation. Mr. Arvizu stated that he has been sober since 2005, is in control of his life, has attended, completed and received a certificate for Proposition 36 Diversion Program instead of doing jail time. Mr. Arvizu stated that he attends two to three meetings per month.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny Taxicab Driver Business License ID# 137652 with the following conditions:

- Monthly drug and alcohol testing at the employers clinic
- At least once a week, attendance at 12 step meeting for either drug or alcohol addiction
- Copy of drug test results where ever employed and the form for attending the drug and alcohol meetings with time, date and location of the meeting sent to TTC on a monthly basis
- Failure to provide any of the above information will result in the revocation of the Business License
- 90 day review by the Business License Commission following the issuance of license
- One year review by the Business License Commission following the issuance of license

Motion: Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID#136801

Ping Han Kieta
A+ Relaxing Arcadia
4177 Live Oak Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that this application is recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported the application is being based on the following code 7.08.080 (C) LACC and 7.080.80 (D) which states; the applicant is unfit to trusted with privileges

granted by such license, or has a bad moral character, intemperate habits, or a bad reputation for truth, honesty or integrity; or the applicant, his agent or employee or any person connected or associated with the applicant as partner, director, officer, stockholder, associate or manager, has committed or aided or abetted in the Commission of any act or act of omission which, and committed by a license would be a ground for disciplinary action under this chapter.

Mr. Garcia stated the investigator found that Mr. and Mrs. Kieta were not being truthful regarding the ownership of the business.

Mr. Richard Kieta informed the Commission Mrs. Kieta is sole owner of the business establishment. Mr. Kieta assists his wife with the paperwork. They purchased an existing business not knowing the business was not in compliance with County Code. Mr. Kieta was informed by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) in order for the business to be in conformity with the County Code they needed to apply for Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Mr. Kieta further stated that he was advised by a representative from the DRP that an individual can only apply for one CUP. The business was then listed in Ms. Kieta's name in the event that in the future they wanted to apply for another CUP. The Kieta's complied with County Code and the CUP for the business was approved.

Mr. Garcia stated notes in his possession do not reflect anything regarding the DRP and the Insurance policy lists the business as Podiatrist.

President Afriat informed Mr. Kieta that it was his understanding that a CUP runs with the land, not the person.

The Commission would like to see the insurance policy, the lease agreement and Mrs. Kieta to represent herself at next the hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the above-mentioned item to October 20, 2010.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President